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DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

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FOR SECRETARY STATE, GEORGE M. GOVAN. FOT SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, J. R. PRESTON,

SENATOR GEORGE has been spending some days at Cooper's Well.

THE Republicans of Maine talk about running Blaine for governor.

THE prevailing wet spell will incresse the danger from cotton worms.

THE Republicans are angry with the business revival because it came before they were ready for it.

thinks mugwumps is "pigeon" Eng-

In portions of North Louisiana some of the farmers are selling corn for 35

THE advance in cotton cloth both in the United States and England is 21 to 5 per cent; but it is due to the stoplabor strike which represents 45,000,-000 yards of goods per week.

IT is astonishing how so many of the cranks throughout the country who kill their sweethearts and then kill themselves are credited with troubles of the heart, when, really, they are afflicted with troubles of the whisky

L. Q. C. Lamar has remained at his post. He is the only member of the cabinet who has alike withstood the fiery darts of the sun and the savage onslaughts of the office seekers and never budged.

PUGILIST DOMINICK MCCAFFREY is said to have once lived in Delaware county. The Chester Times says he was educated for the priesthood, but disgraced the cloth, left the seminary and was engaged as instructor of athletics at Swarthmore college.

P. A. BROWN, of Terre Haute, Ind., son of George P. Brown, late President of the State Normal School, formerly Superintendent of the Schools of Indianapolis, ran away with a grass widow two days ago, leaving a wife and two children.

Accomping to the Shreveport Times the Democratic party cannot afford to endorse prohibition, because it would lose 50,000 votes in the cities, and make many men throw away their Democracy and make a complete sommersault into the prohibition party.

King Alfonso is in a fearful dilemfuses to pitch into Germany about the expression." Caroline Islands his subjects will de throne him; if he goes into a fight with Bismarck's batallions, Spain will be wiped up, cholera and all, and he will lose his kingdom anyway. Whichever horn of the dilemma the royal Spanfard seizes he is confronted with the Henry is at work, appealing to the peoreproof -

"Oh naughty, naughty Don Alfonso,"
You shouldn't ought have gone and done so."

A New York watch company has just made for Patrick Rehill, of Philadelphia, an elegant gold watch which he intends to present to Mr. Parnell. A diamond is set in one side of the case and on the reverse is engraved the United States coat of arms in combination with the harp and shamrock of Ireland. Inside is this inscription: "Presented to Charles Stewart Parnell by Patrick Rehill, of Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A., as a token of esteem, 1885." The cost of the watch was \$400.

PEA JAY'S PEN PICTURE,

THE VENERABLE SAGE OF BRIAR-FIELD.

A Georgia Journalist Visits Mr. Davis and Talks Books and Business With the Great Mississippian. ence Atlanta Consti

BRIERPIELD PLANTATION, WARREN COUNTY, MISS., Aug. 29. Here, in the summer of 1835, Capt. Jefferson Davis, a retired army officer, put the ax to the root of the tree, and carved out of the willow forest and canebrake, a home,

That home has since become famous as the residence of Col. Davis, of Mexican war fame.

Of Gov. Davis. Of Senator Davis,

Of Secretary of War Davis, and Of President Jefferson Davis.

Here, again, after having experi-enced the full buoyancy of youth, after having drank of politics and public affairs to their brim, Jefferson Davis returns, a peaceful old man, enjoying his books and flowers, and cheered by the companionship of those who through a lifetime have never failed in their sympathy nor lessened their support. As the correspondent ascended the door steps he was met by Mr. Davis, by whom he was greeted most kindly. But a moment of explanation was necessary, when an introduction to Mrs. Davis added another to the little

Mr. Davis was dressed in a black alpaca suit. He stood erect, with a firm position. When he sat down upon the deerskin chair, which is his favorite, it was in an upright position, his shoulders well thrown back, one hand resting in the other, and both called into play as, through conversation, he used them in graceful gesture. His face furnished a pleasant disappointment. His pictures give one the idea of a dark-visaged, dyspeptic man, of hard face and unapproachable manners. On the contrary, the original shows kindly eyes, a fair face and a mouth wreathed in a gentle smile, so engaging as to dispell the idea of dif-ference in station. In fact, during the four hours spent in his presence, this THE Atlanta Constitution publishes kindly smile and pleasing manner nevthe absurd query: "Are mugwumps | er left him, In his conversation, too. squabs?" Evidently the Constitution the same fact was noticed. Of those whose conduct in the war did not entitle them to his respect, he spoke in terms of kindly interest, remembering only the good that was in them. He spoke as a man

at peace with the world, as one who and 50 cents. Next spring these same had forgiven whatever wrongs of parties will, in many instances, pay 75 | which he might have been the victim, as one in the evening of life, watching the setting of the sun behind the many colored clouds, his cheeks fanned by gentle breezes and his thoughts dwelling upon nature and nature's God. What a beautiful old age it is page of 7,000.000 spindles through a to which this venerable man has been spared after such a life of storm and turmoil. Mrs. Davis, whose social qualities

will be remembered by the brilliant society in Richmond of which she was for three years the center, looked in excellent health. She is a lady of stout stature, and her face shows at once decision and womanly character. In con-ALL through the heated term Hon. none, mindful of those who had be-friended her family in the days of trial, illes of the men who had fallen for the confederacy.

Mr. Davis said that he had left the war behind him, and with it public life; he courted the privacy of his home, and did not intend to be drawn into controversial topics; hence what he said upon events leading to the war, concerning the war itself, and events following, is as a sealed book, and must remain closed forever, so far as your correspondent is concerned. Nevertheless he conversed pleasantly on matters of a literary and philosophic nature, to which he devotes much Both Mr. and Mrs. Davis inquired, affectionately, of many Georgians whose memory they cherished; of the peerless Gordon, the "right arm of Lee;" of Gen. Colquitt; of Gen. Henry R. Jackson, whose bravery as a eloquent Hill, whose memory is a precious sentiment in the family.

"In the days," said Mrs. Davis. "when friends were needed, Mr. Hill came to me so tenderly and offered his assistance with such considerateness that I can never forget it. I think,' she continued, "that the proposed statue to him should be in a recumbent position. It is so dignified and repre-

sents his sleeping power."
"Ab," replied Mr. Davis, "a statue in action, such as that of Patrick Henry, ma, so the dispatches say. If he re- in Richmond, can not be surpassed for

> "And yet," resumed Mrs. Davis, "the eye becomes fatigued as it looks upon an active posture which is never changed, while you can look upon the recumbent statue of Lee for hours."

> "Very true," said Mr. Davis, "that is the statue of a man at rest, whose work is finished. That of Patrick ple. In looking upon either, my mind runs back to the occasion. As to Mr. Hill, in his 'Notes Upon the Situation,' is due the present resurrection of the people, he should be remembered as in

action.' Mr. Davis's favorite author is Sir Walter Scott. Scott's great power of describing objects in motion, and the who visits them. Among poets he realways failed in this regard. Moore it would never be refurled.

is the perfection of harmony, while Burns expressing human feeling. The make a complete combination. Bulwer, among modern novelists, is perhaps the greatest. He is the only novelist whose style changed with agehis Last of the Barons being as different in every respect from Pelham as though written by different persons. The only connecting link between the successive works is the retention of foreshadowing the campaign issues the alchemist as the mysterious char- which will be advocated by the acter of his successive works.

Passing then to industrial questions. he said that the greatest danger to the country in the future is the vast aggregation of wealth in single hands. Primogeniture was abolished as a remedy for that evil in times past. Now large fortunes-beyond the power of the owners to spend-can be accumulated in one's life. Agrarianism as a the evil itself.

As to the effects of increased knowleducation and wisdom. "I have up known," said Mr. Davis, "wise men by t who were not learned, and learned men who were not very wise. A man's discretion cannot be gauged by his knowledge. . The Scotch are a people

the less wise." conservative conscience of Bible read-Moses." Now this is merely a change of expression without changing the meaning, and therefore unnecessary.

It was thus, with easy changes from one topic to the other, always taking lofty views, that Mr. Davis talked for four hours. It was a conversation to which the whole South would have listened with interest, and only inability to give it in Mr. Davis' phraseology compels forbearance.

John McCullough's Condition.

Reports have recently multiplied to the effect that John McCullough was rapidly sinking in his home in the Bloomingdale asylum, and that his death was but a question of a few months. Dr. Nichols, the medical questioned yesterday as to the truth of these reports.

They are about correct," said the doctor, "as nearly so, at all events, as laymen can make reports that should be technical. Mr. McCullough is generally paralyzed and very weak. He walk a quarter of a mile hand, but he moves about like an old is but a question of a few He makes a good patient. He is much came, and seems quite contented to be here. He looks back sometimes on his stage life, and recalls the coming on of his disease with much feeling. His case is, of course, hopeless, and I never held out to his friends the slightest

hope of his recovery." Mr. McCullough is very regular in his habits at Bloomingdale, but follows no cast-iron routine in disposing of his time. The patients are expected to rise at a certain hour and take their meals at fixed times. These rules are not rigid, however, and are relaxed when necessary. So far as his physical powers will allow, Mr. McCullough soldier in the Mexican war Mr. Davis endeavors to follow them, rising and well remembered, and especially of the taking his meals at the same time as the other patients. He passes his time otherwise as he chooses.

> Furthering a Dirty Scheme. Jackson Clarion

A correspondent of the Vicksburg Post gives an account of a political meeting held by the colored voters of Rankin county, to "express a choice of the candidates before the people." All that we want to know about any meeting, to correctly "size it up," is that Wilson Hicks presided over it, and that it endorsed the delectable "Harry' Kernaghan, the defunct postmaster of Brandon, for the office of sheriff of Rankin county.

We trust that our friends in Rankin will not suffer such a dirty scheme to defeat that estimable gentleman and sound Democrat, H. M. Parker, the regularly nominated Democratic candidate, for the office for which Kernaghan has been endorsed by the Wilson Hicks crowd.

Archbishop Walsh Favors the Restoration of the Irish Parliament. DUBLIN, Sept. 5. - Archbishop Walsh, replying to an address of municipal authorities, said he had deep and settled convictions that the only remedy for the grievances which Irescenery in which his plots are laid are land long labored, with partial success so truthful and realistic as to make to remove, was the restoration of their recognition easy to the traveler rights which she had been deprived a censury ago by means as shameful as gards Byron the greatest. The strik- any that records of national infamy ing feature of Byron is that whenever | could disclose. He rejoiced with them he renders a quotation from the classics | that the flag which fell from the hands he always improves it so much as to of the dying O'Connell had again been become his own. Other authors have boldly uplifted, and he prayed ENGLISH POLITICS.

The Marquis of Hartington Sounds the Key Note of the Liberals. LONDON, Sept. 5 .- The British po-

litical event of the week has been the

speech of the Marquis of Hartington.

Having been secretary of war, one of

Mr. Gladstone's most trusted ministers,

the address is generally accepted as

Liberal party. The speech was so

moderate and so utterly disclaimed

the more revolutionary projects of the

Radicals that it has angered the Tories.

It would appear, from their denuncia-

tion of its "lack of policy," as if Lord

Hartington had clearly taken the

ground from under the Conservatives. Every body is anxiously awaiting some political utterance from Mr. Gladstone. remedy would be a greater curse than It is thought he may have inspired Lord Hartington-that the latter's speech was put out as a "feeler"-and edge, he found a difference between that it will soon be backed powerful address by a by the "grand old man." This would leave the situation thus: "The Tories, under lead of Lord Randolph Churchill, indicating a sort of wild Parnellism; the Radicals, lead by Mr. Joseph Chamof great knowledge, yet in many parts berlain, urging extreme home rule; of Mississippi, where book knowledge the real Conservatives and Whigs, not is lacking, the people are always wise far apart, and a large body of Liberals in their conclusions, not always able and Tories in a state of doubt, but to give the reasons therefor, yet none with prejudices hostile to the Parnellites. Now Mr. Gladstone is far more One more topic your correspondent influential with the followers of takes the liberty of giving since it Mr. Chamberlain than the Marquis shows Mr. Davis in the light of a close of Salisbury is with the followers Bible student. Referring to the re- of Lord Randolph Churchill. As the vised edition, he did not see that the re- ex-premier is supposed to desire the visers had removed the few material return of his party to power with errors which were to be found in the votes enough to make it independent King James edition, yet they had made in parliament, it is easy to surmise many changes which only shocked the that his management will be in the direction of combining the Whigs and ers, while the change was productive of | Conservatives against the Irish party, no corresponding good in the text, calculating upon securing Radicals For instance, where the King James enough for any purpose he may desire version says, "The Lord God spoke unto Moses and said," the revised edischeme, if successful, would give the tion makes it: "The Lord says unto Liberals a sufficient majority in the next House to throw the Parnellites from their present possession of the balance of power; without that porsession, the Irish party would go to pieces. Then Mr. Gladstone, having Parnell shorn, could solve the Irish question by concessions which would placate the people of Ireland, and leave Mr. Parnell without an issue. The question of independence would disappear when the Irish had all they wanted except that which would cease fo: any essential reason to be desira-

Mr. Jesse Callings, radical member

for Ipswich, speaking at Saltburn, Yorkshire, to-day, denounced Lord Hartington's address. He described th: ex-secretary's programme as 'empty," and said it had already done superintendent of the asylum, was much to destroy Liberal unity. It would appear, however, that the dist nction of this unity is essential to Mr. Gladstone's purpose, as if, as supposed, tuat purpose is to draw conservatives and whigs together against the Parnellites and Churchillites, for the and old conservatives will not support a party closely wedded to the or so at a time, with an attendant at Radicals, and Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the great English leader of the Radiman, sitting down and getting up with cals, is booked for a political address a good deal of difficulty. Mr. Mc- to the electors of Womington, Lanversation she was quick, intelligent a good deal of difficulty. Mr. Mc. to the electors of Womington, Lan-and extremely thoughtful, censuring Cullough's physical condition is not easter county, next Tuesday. He is greatly changed since he came here. now expected to reply to Lord Har-He will not live years, he may not live tington's disavowal of Mr. Chamberand evincing great interest in the fam- many months, but to say that his death lain's extreme policy, but the more Radicals are deprecating this idea and has been said, conveys the idea that he are urging Mr. Chamberlain to reis nearer his end than he probably is. frain from openly splitting from the Whigs. They advise him to be as quieter and happier than when he first | moderate as possible just now, and to endeavor to bring Lord Hartington around to his views on the questions of land, law, reform, taxation, and church disestablishment. In the meantime the popular anxiety to hear from Mr. Gladstone increases daily. Lord Randolph Churchill's speech at Sheffield was a direct reply to Mr. Parnell's challenge to English parties to declare themselves on the Irish issue, and indicates that he was willing to make further concessions to the Home Rulers. Lord Randolph's health is at present far from good and under medical advice, he is about to take a months holiday. Mr. Parnell's advice to his followers to discountenance aggarian outrages, is perceptibly bearing fruit. At the meeting of the Cork branch of the National League it was unanimously resolved to adhere to the conference programme of disavowing outrages and supporting only such candidates for the parliament as would pledge themselves to act as a unit on the Parnellite programme. The principal speakers denounced the outrages.

A Wild Man Gaptured in the Mountains of Pennsylvania.

WILKESBARRE, PENN., Sept. 5 .- A message was received here yesterday afternoon that a wiid man had been discovered on Bald Mountain, ten miles from here. A party of men at ones organized, and on arriving at the mountain learned that there was a man apparently wild and naked prowling about the mountain. Jacob Knecht, a wood chopper, informed the party later that he had captured the man, and had locked him in a small out-house. On going to the hut, the man was found lying on a bench. He was apparently about 24 years of age. On being questioned as to what he was doing in this lonely spot, he said that some guardian angel had sent him to the woods. Though crazed he appeared to be rational at times, and said his name was John Conners, and that he was from Larkinsville, Dauphin county, Pa. The party brought him here this morning. and placed him in the city hospital. His arms, legs and body are cut, bruised and torn.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 5.—A special dispatch from Hudson, Wis., says that the corn crop in that section was badly damaged by the heavy frost last night

BOYSECHRUS

Curious friendships sometimes exists be tween animals of very different species. One of the oddest of these is the friendly panionship between the cow and a little



At least, the little bird is great friends with the cow, and the cow does not seem to mind it. Perhaps she knows of what use it This little creature is found in both the Americas, North and South, wherever there are herds of cattle. When our western plains were covered with droves of buffalo, early settlers observed that these were followed by swarms of little, dark, mudcolored birds. The colonists named them buffalo birds. But the bison hords disappeared before civilization. Their places were taken by vast herds of cattle that belonged to ranchmen. After that the flocks of birds changed their quarters and gave their company to the ranchmen's animals. Then

they were called cowbirds.

The bright-eyed, pert little creature is of inestimable value to the cow. It skips all over her and perches saucily upon her horns, her head or her back. If you watch you will see it pecking industriously into her body near the backbone. There is an insect called the warble which burrows into the poor cow's flesh, tiffough the hide, and causes her great torture. Wherever you feel a lump under the cow's skin, there one of these painful warbles is imbedded. They are also called "wolves." Well, the cow bird pecks into the lump with its sharp little bill, digs out the insect and eats it. It also devours the gadflies and other peets that torment cattle in hot weather.



COWS AND BIRDS.

The birds hop around upon the grass in swarms, within an inch or two of the cow's nose, while she is in pasture, and hardly take the trouble to get out of her way. In wild regions where the birds have not been scared away and killed by cruel boys who are called civilized, the little creatures are to tame that they may be taken in the hand while they sit around the cow's nose

One curious fact I have not yet told you. The cow bird never builds a nest of its own. It is a lazy creature, not at all a good housekeeper. Cow birds do not mate to-gether, male and female, and raise their family like other feathered creatures. female simply watches around till catches some other bird off Then she slips slyly in her own egg in the lays her own egg in the other bird's nest. Strange to say, the rightful owner does not find out the trick. She never knows but the cowbird's egg is her own. She sits upon the eggs, her own and the stranger's. But the cowbird's egg hatches first. Then the oddest thing happens. The other silly bird begins to think r own eggs are bad, and are not going to hatch at all. So she ceases paying any at-tention to them at all, but sets in and becomes a most devoted mother to the young cowbird, that isn't any kin to her. It is tough on her own young ones, but the little cowbird wouldn't get any bringing up at all if it wasn't for this stepmother.

To Play Postoffice. For a postoffice-any good-sized cardboard box will do for this purpose. The lid should be fasteued to it, so that when it is stood up it will open up like a cupboard door; it must be closed by means of a button and a loop of elastic. In the top of the box, as it stands up, and in the upper end of the door, a slit must be cut out about an inch wide and from five to six inches long, so as to allow of the posting of small parcels, but yet not large enough to admit of a child's hand, while on the door of the postoffice should be written the times of the post Most children are fond of writing letters to one another, and this will, of course, give one arctice rise to a grand manufacture of note paper, envelopes and postal cards, and they will call forth all their ingenuity in designing and coloring monograms and crests for their note paper and envelopes. An envelope must be taken carefully to pieces to form a flat pattern; then those cut from it have to be folded, gummed together, and a touch of gum put on the tip of the flap; a monogram to correspond with the note paper must be drawn on it, and finally, they must be done up in neat packets, say a half-dozen in each. It is wonderful what occupation this postbox will afford where there is a large party of children; of course, a postman must be chosen, and a bag must be made for the letters, and so on

My Sweetheart. St. Nicholas.l I'm in love with a fair little maiden-With her eyes, with her lips, with her hands.

With her dozens of dear little dimples; And although she's petite On her sweet little feet, Tis a wonder to me how she stands

And she loves are, this dear little maiden: And her hands, and her eyes, and her lips, And her dimples, all giving me welcome— In a sweet, artless way Have their say, every day, As to meet me she lovingly trips.

Will she wed me, this sweet little maiden! Bless you, no! That she will never do. But, when I have told you the reason, I haven't a fear 'Twill appear to you queer

For I'm thirty-while she's only two!

A Proverb Among Proverbs. Here is curious puzzle: Take a word from each of the proverbs below, one after an-another. If you hit on the right word, at the end you will have a sentence which forms another proverb, a very common one. We will help you by telling you that the beginning word is "never."

The highway is never about. 2. If you look not at a costly thing you may not be tempted to buy.

8. Two of a trade seldom agree

4. In remembering the gift, remember also the giver. 5. A nod is as good as a wink to a blind

6. When the wine is in the wit is out.
7. The longest lane must have a turning

PREPARING DESSICATED COCCANUT.

The Operation in Detail-Cracking the Nata-Grinding the Palp

[New York Mail and Express.] "No, sir, we don't make cocoanuta, " said a member of a firm whose sign read, "Coccanut Manufacturing company," in response to an inquiry of a reporter. "What we do is to prepare the cocoanus for confectioners, bakers and families, to be used for pies and pastry. The nuts are brought here by the vessel load, some ships bringing as many as 400,000 in a cargo. They are put up in bags of one hundred each. The average weight of the green nut is one and one-half pounds. The best are those thickest in meat and richest in natural oil and state. in meat and richest in natural oil and sugar. They come from San Blas, Cowissand, San Andreas, Runtans, Jamaica, and Baracoa. They grow on the islands of the Car-ibean sea and the trees are so planted that the roots are constantly washed with salt water. The nuts are not picked from the tree but fall to the ground when ripe because of the decay of the when ripe because of the decay of the stems. When the husk is taken off they are ready for shipping. The perishable nature of the green nut has made desic-cated cocoanut more desirable in the market, and this is the article we manu-facture and sell." "What is the operation?"

"The coconnuts are placed in a large hopper, from which they fall to a zinc covered table on a lower floor. In front of this table several men are placed, who crack the shell of the nut with a hatchet as it falls on the table. Then the shell is pried off, leaving the meat whole. 6 to 11 o'clock six men at this work open 13,000 nuts. A peeling machine then takes off the brown skin of the nuts, after which the meats are broken into pieces, the milk drawn off, and the pieces put into tubs of clean, cold water. The meat is then inspected as to its quality, and next it is put into a grinding mill turning 400 revolutions a minute. The pulp thus made is mixed with granulated put in long pans of galvanized fron, which are put up in the desiccators and the water extracted at a high temperature. An interesting fact about the work is that the entire process must be completed by 3 o'clock in the afternoon, because of the delicate nature of the fruit. The number of people employed in this department is forty-six. The desiccated nut is white as snow, and perfectly dry, when it has been through the process, and it is then allowed to cool, and is left in a dry temperature for ten days before it is finally put up for the market. At 8 o clock each day the work is all done."

"What about the idea that cocoanut is indigestible?"

"It is supposed by many persons to be so. But the best growths show by analy-

sis about 48 per cent. of digestible olls, 5 per cent of sugar, about 46 per cent of water, and only 1 per cent of ash. This being the case, there is scarcely anything people eat more digastible and nutritious.

The Model's Frock Coat.

Speaking of the Garfield monument in Golden Gate park, a paper of San Fran-cisco wonders why it is that sculptors in general select for their models frock coats of the most rural pattern, slovenly in the collar, baggy in the sleeves, loose at the shoulders, dragging across the back, and wrinkled in the skirts, as if the owner had traysled to his historic pedestal by strees traveled to his historic pedestal by stage or used his outer garment as a pillow. The president's coat fits him none too well, and the hand-me-down style of his dress is an undeniable petition to be placed above the reach of vulgar curios-A statesman's status should be like the original, raised above the dead level of ordinary humanity, for familiarity breeds contempt, and the average mind refuses admiration and awe to a man whose coat looks as if it had been bought efter a fire. after a fire.

A-Question Concerning Sleep. [The Current.]

It is generally believed that a negro requires little sleep. In a state of freedom the negro takes less sleep than the white man. Perhaps, in olden times, the master held to this theory because it was a convenient idea, and perhaps heredity has made the theory a fact. Colored thinkers should investigate the matter, and deter-mine whether or not it would be wise to advocate longer hours in bed for the young and the succeeding generations of their race. In fact, it would do all mankind no harm to learn more about sleep than is known. The loss of nightly rest is seriously affecting American nerves.

Facts Concerning Jurisdiction.

[Chicago Herald.] The islands in rivers between states usually belong to one state or the other, and are thus included in the state's jurisdiction. If not, they are under the laws of the United States. Rivers within the limits of any state are within the jurisdic-tion of the state, and crimes committed on them are punished by the state. The phrase, "high seas," includes the entire open sea, the highway of all nations.

> Pulling for the Shore. [Chicago Herald.]

A Portland man put a large spider on a floating chip in a pond. After walking all about the sides of the chip the spider began to cast a web for the shore, threw it as far as possible in the air and with the wind. It caught on some blades of grass. Then turning himself about, the spider began to haul the chip toward the shore.

A Pyramid of Skulla

The Arabs made a pyramid of the skulls of Hicks' unfortunate command, which perished in the Soudan before Gordon went there. Of this expedition 10,000 soldiers including 2,000 cavalry, perished, and 1,000,000 rounds of Remington ammunition, seven Krupp, six Nordenfeldt and twenty-nine mountain guns were captured.

> Beauty Among Working Girls. [Exchange.]

The correspondent of a western paper claims that in a thousand New York working girls there are to be observed as many beautiful faces of the Lady Clara Vere de Vere type as in the same number of young ladies attending the fashionable Fifth avenue churches.

Eight Hundred Thousand Deaf Mutes. There are in the world 367 institutions for the education of deaf mutes. Germany has 20 of these France 67, Great Britain 48, and the United States 88. Recent careful estimates place the num-ber of these unfortunates at 800,000.

Sixty Tumblers per Day. An eminent English physician on oath the other day said that he had known men who took their sixty tumblers of punch per day and seemed no whit the worse for the indulgence

Whitehall Times: Men clothed with vanity are kick-proof.

The Afghans eat onions as we do ap-